

Attachment B

Statement of Interest – Statewide Long -Term Care Reform
Format for Response to Request for Information/Proposals
Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services

Organization Name (s) (List all public and private entities represented by this statement of interest.):

Community Alliance of Providers of Wisconsin (CAPOW)

Members:

Dungarvin-Wisconsin, Inc.

REM Wisconsin, Inc.

Madison Area Rehabilitation Centers, Inc. (MARC)

Creative Community Living Services, Inc. (CCLS)

Clarity Care

Homes for Independent Living, Inc. (HIL)

Rise Up, Inc.

Community Living Connections

Options in Community Living

Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan, Inc.

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Interest in Planning and Implementation of Long-Term Care Reform in Wisconsin:
Geographic Area of Interest (List counties within the potential planning and service area of the entity or consortium.):

Dane

Milwaukee

Brown

Eau Claire

St. Croix

Douglas

LaCrosse

Kenosha

Racine

Washington

Jefferson

Winnebago

Jackson

Monroe

Rock

Waukesha

Proposed Scope and Nature of the Program (including target groups to be served, benefit package to be offered, and rationale for this proposal in terms of fiscal soundness and program effectiveness)

CAPOW was formed to lead the advancement of community-based services that support people with disabilities in their pursuit of meaningful lives. We look forward to being at the table as Wisconsin charts a course toward effective, humane and significant systems change. CAPOW has no specific proposal at this time; however, general recommendations for what we believe any specific proposal should include are contained below and in our cover letter.

Other Comments or Information:

CAPOW is:

- A network of providers, supporting over 4500 people with disabilities, and representing 4500 direct care workers, and 2500 guardians. Our members provide services through CIP1A, CIP1B, COP, TBI, and CSLA.
- Committed to assuring that Wisconsin has a viable private provider sector to promote consumer choice, a strong workforce, adequate funding, and appropriate regulation.

CAPOW Believes:

- People with Disabilities and their support staff enrich our community.
- Direct care professionals deserve to earn wages and benefits that reflect the value of the services they provide.

CAPOW's Principles for Long-Term Care Systems Change

- Adequate reimbursement based on actual\true costs will provide direct care givers with much needed and well deserved living wages and healthcare benefits; ensure that quality care and quality housing for Wisconsin's most vulnerable population is maintained; and, in the end meet the State's obligation to provide lives of dignity, independence and equality to all its citizens.
- Wisconsin must maintain and sustain its strong network of private providers in order to promote consumer choice.
- There needs to be a commitment to end the waiting list for services for people with disabilities who are living at home with parents but are receiving no services.
- An annual COLA must be built into any funding mechanism.
- Mandates should be funded.
- Any cost efficiencies the Managed Care entity creates should be re-directed to direct support wages and services to individuals with a disabilities.